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SUBJECT: CCMS OCTOBER PLENARY-CANADIAN PLANS

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1. DELEGATION. COMPOSITION CANADIAN DELEGATION AS REPORTED REFTEL WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT DR. PETER BIRD WILL NOW BE UNABLE TO ATTEND. MINISTER OF TRANSPORT MARCHAND HAS REGRETTEED THAT HE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT UNDERSECRETARY TRANSPORT BARNUM'S INVITATION BECAUSE OF PARLIAMENTARY DUTIES. HENRY M. WALSH, DIRECTOR , BUR. OF INTERNATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, WILL BE SENIOR MOT REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT.

2. ROUND TABLE. ASST. DEPUTY MINISTER (ENVIRONMENT) EDGEWORTH WILL SUMMARIZE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY. WE UNDERSTAND EDGEWORTH WILL SPEAK FROM PREPARED TEXT.

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EM FOLLOW-UP. CANADIANS WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION ON FOLLOW-UP TO DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROJECT. IF BELGIUM RAISES BASIC QUESTION OF CCMS FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES, CANADA WILL WISH TO MAKE REMARKS OF ITS OWN. WE UNDERSTAND FROM EXSTAFF CCMS OFFICER CAMPBELL THAT CANADA IS OF THE OPINION THAT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS SHOULD BE MADE AT TWO-THREE YEAR INTERVALS RATHER THAN AT EACH PLENARY SESSION. CANADIANS FEEL FOLLOW-UP REPORTS WOULD THEN BE LESS ROUTINE AND THEREBY ATTAIN GREATER SIGNIFICANCE. CANADA IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN STRONG FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE IN ORDER TO "PROD" IMCO.

4. POSSIBLE NEW PROJECTS.

A. HAZARDOUS WASTES. GOC WILL SUPPORT FRG PROPOSAL AND EXPECTS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY BUT DOES NOT EXPECT TO CO-PILOT.

B. SOLAR ENERGY. CANADA HAS BEEN RATHER COOL TO SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT IN PAST BUT ACCORDING TO CAMPBELL, THERE IS GROWING INTEREST WITHIN GOC AND CANADA MAY YET BECOME ACTIVE PARTICIPANT.

∴ GEOTHERMAL ENERGY. CANADIAN DELEGATION ATTENDED OCT 1-5 CALIFORNIA MEETING AND CANADA EXPECTS TO BE ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPANT IN PROJECT. GOC GAVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO POSSIBILITY OF CO-PILOTING PROJECT BUT BECAUSE OF RUDIMENTARY STATE OF CANADIAN EXPERTISE CANADA HAS DECIDED TO LIMIT ITS ROLE TO ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

D. STRATOSPHERIC JET POLLUTION. GOC DECIDED OCT 18 TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION IN VERSAILLES AND A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF METEOROLOGY AND ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS IN MELBOURNE THIS FALL BEFORE DECIDING ON DESIRABILITY OF CCMS PROJECT IN THIS AREA. CANADA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPECTS TO REPORT ITS DECISION TO THE SPRING PLENARY. AT FALL PLENARY, EDGEWORTH WILL DISCUSS BRIEFLY CANADIAN PLANS.

E. METHODOLOGY OF ASSESSING SOCIAL COST. CANADIANS WILL NOT PUSH FOR ADOPTION OF THIS PROJECT AT FALL PLENARY BUT WILL NOTE WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IF PROJECT ADOPTED.

F. CANADA IS VERY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATION IN
U.S. PROPOSED ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT.

5. PROGRESS OF PILOT STUDIES

A. ROAD SAFETY. CANADIAN OFFICIALS IN EXTAFF AND
MOT HAVE TAKEN GREAT PAINS TO ASSURE US OF STRONG
CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION. CANADA IS
NEGOTIATING WITH ITS PROVINCES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION ON NATIONWIDE BASIS. GOC IS
ASKING PROVINCES TO COMMIT CONSIDERABLE SUMS TO IMPLEMENT
PROGRAMS TO MEET OBJECTIVES OF RESOLUTION. FULL
CONSULTATIONS WITH PROVINCES WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BY
FALL PLENARY. CANADA WOULD PREFER THAT ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION BE POSTPONED TO SPRING PLENARY BUT IF
ADOPTION TAKES PLACE IN FALL, CANADA PLANS TO INDICATE
ITS STRONG SUPPORT MAKING ONLY MILD RESERVATION CONCERNING
NEED FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCES.

B. INLAND WATER POLLUTION. CANADIANS WILL REPORT ON
SEPTEMBER 24-28 OTTAWA MEETING AND ON JOINT COMMITTEE
ON WATER QUALITY PLANNING IN ST. JOHN'S RIVER BASIN.

C. ADVANCED WASE WATER TREATMENT. CANADA INTENDS
TO MAKE STATEMENT ON PROPOSED PHOSPHORUS SLUDGE REMOVAL
PROJECT.

6. SPRING, 1974 PLENARY. CANADIAN DELEGATION WAS
ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE OTTAWA 1973 PLENARY.
IN COURSE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION EDGEWORTH WILL PROBABLY
MAKE REMARKS INDICATING SUCCESS OF 1973 PLENARY AND MAY
EXPRESS HOPE THAT FUTURE SPRING PLENARIES BE SCHEDULED
FOR NATIONAL CAPITALS. (CANADIANS UNDERSTAND ITALY VERY
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COOL TO PROSPECT OF HOSTING SPRING 1974 PLENARY.
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